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Federal Bureau of Prisons

Central Office
320 First St., NW
Washington, DC 20534

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Carolyn Hirst
312 N. May Street, Ste. 100
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Ms. Hirst:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) received your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request. Your request has been assigned a number and forwarded to the processing office noted below. Please make a note of the request number and processing office as you will need to include it in any correspondence or inquiry regarding your request. In summary, you requested a copy of contract number DJB200064, between the BOP and Correctional Alternatives, Inc.

FOIA/PA Request Number: 2016-01340
Processing Office: CO

The time needed to complete our processing of your request depends on the complexity of our records search and the volume and complexity of any records located. Each request is assigned to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Due to the large number of FOIA/PA requests received by BOP and the limited resources available to process such requests, BOP handles each request on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Your request was assigned to the complex track and placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt.

We determined exceptional circumstances exist as the documents responsive to your request must be searched for and collected from a field office, and/or the documents responsive to your request are expected to be voluminous and will require significant time to review, and/or your request requires consultation with at least one other agency with a substantial interest in your request. Because of these unusual circumstances, we are extending the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. Processing complex requests may take up to nine months. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b) and (c), you may narrow or modify your request in an effort to reduce the processing time.

Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.10, in certain circumstances we are required to charge fees for time spent searching for or duplicating responsive documents. If we anticipate your fees will be in excess of $25.00 or the amount you have indicated you are willing to pay, we will notify you of the estimated amount. At that time, you will have the option to reformulate your request to reduce the fees. If you requested a fee waiver, we will make a decision whether to grant your request after we determine whether fees will be

Exhibit A

assessed for this request.

If you have questions regarding the status of your request or anything discussed in this letter, you may contact Central Office at 202 514-6655 or the BOP FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. C. Darnell Stroble at (202) 616-7750 or BOP FOIA Section, 320 First Street, NW, Room 936, Washington, D.C. 20534. You can also check the status of your request on line at http://www.bop.gov/PublicInfo/execute/foia.